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NAMIBIA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL (SC) --

NAMIBIA DEBATE WILL NOT BEGIN IN THE SC SEPT. 22, WE WERE ADVISED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SC PRESIDENT. BRITISH HEARD SEPT. 27 IS EARLIEST COUNCIL MAY MEET. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3832)

ALLOCATION OF ITEMS --

AFRICAN GROUP WISHES APARTHEID, TRADITIONALLY A SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ITEM, DISCUSSED IN PLENARY, ALGERIANS TOLD US. IN ADDITION, IT IS RUMORED THEY MAY WISH TO ALLOCATE RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA ITEMS, PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE 4, TO PLENARY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 3829, 3845)

GA COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS --

AS OF SEPT. 20, BOTH PHILIPPINES AND FINLAND ARE HOLDING OUT FOR THE COMMITTEE 6 CHAIRMANSHIP, AND BILIVIA AND UGANDA ARE STILL VYING FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE. UNTIL THESE CHAIRMANSHIPS ARE SETTLED, NO DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE REGARDING CHAIRMANSHIPS OF COMMITTEES 4 AND 5. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 3836)

CYPRUS --

AFTER TWO ROUNDS OF SEPARATE MEETINGS ON RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, CONSULTATIONS WERE CONTINUED IN A JOINT MEETING OF PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL SEPT. 18 AND WERE TO CONTINUE SEPT. 20. UN SECRETARIAT (SHERRY) TOLD US THAT THE CRUCIAL ISSUE CONTINUES TO BE GREEK SIDE'S INSISTENCE THAT TURKISH SIDE COME UP WITH TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS. EVEN IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO KEEP CONSULTATIONS GOING ON PROCEDURAL AND WHAT ARE BASICALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDE ISSUES, NO REAL PROGRESS POSSIBLE, IN HIS VIEW, IN ABSENCE RESOLUTION THIS KEY QUESTION. THE BRITISH ARE STILL UNDECIDED ON POSITION TO TAKE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION OF CYPRUS ITEM, AND COMMENTED THE QUESTION IS SO POLITICALLY CHARGED THEY CANNOT DECIDE WHAT IS "RIGHT THING" TO DO. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3838)

US-CANADIAN PRE-GA CONSULTATIONS --

AT US-CANADIAN PRE-GA CONSULTATIONS, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT ISRAELI SUSPENSION COULD COME UP IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BUT WOULD NOT SUCCEED. AMB BARTON STATED ATTENTION SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON FEASIBILITY OF ELIMINATING "ZIONISM-RACISM" FROM FUTURE UN RESOLUTIONS. HE SHARED US CONCERN ABOUT UNRWA, SAID WE SHOULD SEEK TECHNIQUES TO GET OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE, AND SUGGESTED THE UN SHOULD UNDERTAKE AUTHORITY TO PUT UNRWA CONTINGENCY LIABILITIES UNDER ITS REGULAR BUDGET. DIRECTOR OF CANADIAN BUREAU OF UN AFFAIRS PEARSON WAS CONCERNED THAT AT LEAST "18 OR 19" COUNTRIES HAD NOT MET THEIR UNEF/UNDOF CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULES, AND SIMILAR PROBLEM FACING UNFICYP. BARTON SUGGESTED IT MIGHT PERSUADE DELINQUENTS TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS IF CONTRIBUTORS THREATENED TO CUT OFF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. HE OBSERVED THAT CANADA, AS NEW SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER, WILL HAVE TO COORDINATE ITS VOTES ON AFRICA IN THE COUNCIL AND GA SO IT DOES NOT FIND ITSELF IN AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.

CANADA WILL SUPPORT FRG PROPOSAL ON HOSTAGES BUT IS
NOT CERTAIN IT WILL COSPONSOR. SWEDES, CANADIANS SAID,
ARE STILL WORKING ON A REVISED DRAFT OF THEIR RESOLUTION
ON POLITICAL PRISONERS AND IT ENJOYS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE
OF WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP. THEY EXPRESSED VIEW USSR, CUBA
AND OTHER IN UN WOULD LKIE VERY MUCH TO UPSET SECRETARY'S
INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. PEARSON EXPRESSED VIEW
THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT HAS BECOME MORE RADICAL. AMONG
OTHER THINGS, CANADIANS SUGGESTED US AND CANADA SHOULD HAVE
EARLY CONSULTATIONS ON TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH RESOLUTION
ON GUAM. BARTON DESCRIBED THE GENEVA UN OPERATION AS "MEDIEVAL"
IN MANAGEMENT AND HOPED WESTERN NATIONS WOULD DEMAND
REFORM OF GENEVA SALARY QUESTION. BOTH SIDES EXPECTED
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RE-ELECTION OF WALDHEIM.

CANADIAN DEPUTY PERMREP BRUCE THOUGHT NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS WERE PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING UN. HE BELIEVES GOODWILL CREATED BY SEVENTH SPECIAL GA IS DIDDIPATING RAPIDLY AND THAT SUBSTANTIVE WESTERN PROPOSALS MUST BE PLACED BEFORE G-77 IN CIEC. HE CRITICIZED THE MEAGER WESTERN PROPOSALS AT THE NAIROBI UNCTAD CONFERENCE. BOTH SIDES THOUGHT THE OUTLOOK FOR THE GA IN THIS AREA UNPREDICTABLE IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF FALL-OUT FROM ACTIVITIES ELSEWHERE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3822)

VIEWS OF TUNISIAN AMB MESTIRI --

TUNISIAN PERM REP MESTIRI, DURING CALL ON GOV SCRANTON:

SAID HE DOES NOT FORESEE EFFORT TO EXPEL ISRAEL; BELIEVES ARABS REGARD INSERTION OF "ZIONISM IS RACISM" LANGUAGE AS FAIT ACCOMPLI REQUIRING NO FURTHER THRUST THIS YEAR; AGREED ON NEED FOR CALMING SITUATION IN LEBANON; CHAR-ACTERIZED ALGERIA AS EXTREMELY JEALOUS OF MOROCCO'S ADDITIONAL SIZE AND WEALTH THROUGH ABSORPTION OF SAHARA, AND PREDICTED REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S DEBATE; INDICATED TUNISIA WOULD ABSTAIN AGAIN ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS; AND WAS CONCERNED OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. HE NOTED MANY NONALIGNED AT COLOMBO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO "FIGHT" ON ECONOMIC FRONT AT 31ST GA, BUT HE AGREED WITH GOV SCRANTON IT WAS MORE DESIRABLE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION. MESTIRI WAS CONCERNED ALSO OVER LEFTIST TRENDS IN FRANCE AND ITALY WHICH, HE SAID. SERVED. IN ADDITION TO THE POLITICS OF ALGERIA AND LIBYA, TO THREATEN TUNISIA'S STABILITY. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3841)

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SAHARA --

MOROCCAN PERMREP BENGELLOUN TOLD GOV SCRANTON THAT MOROCCO, IN COORDINATION WITH MAURITANIA, INTENDS TO ATTEMPT, WHEN SAHARA QUESTION ARISES IN COMMITTEE 4, TO FORECLOSE DISCUSSION. THEY WILL OBSERVE THAT METTER REFERRED TO OAU EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT, AND PURSUANT TO NONALIGNED RECOMMENDATION, SHOULD BE LEFT FOR OAU TO DELIBERATE. HE DOUBTED THAT THE GA GENERAL COMMITTEE COULD DROP THE ITEM, BUT BELIEVED THAT COMMITTEE 4 COULD REFER SAHARA TO OAU BY VOTE OR DECISION FROM CHAIR, WITHOUT RESOLUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3844)

KOREA --

ALTHOUGH MALAYSIA DOES NOT APPEAR ON LIST OF THOSE EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS AT COLOMBO NONALIGNED CONFERENCE, ROK OBSERVER MISSION TOLD US THEY WERE SURE MALAYSIA SENT WRITTEN RESERVATION ON THE KOREAN RESOLUTION SINCE THE CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO ROK OBSERVER MISSION, NORTH KOREANS INFORMED IVORY COAST MISSION THAT "DUE TO TENSIONS IN AREA" IT WOULD NOT BE TIMELY FOR PERMREP AKE TO VISIT DPRK NOW. AKE HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO VISIT NORTH KOREA ABOUT SEPT. 8. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 3831, 3842)

MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIAN SCHWARZ --

IN DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIAN HARRY SCHWARZ WAS FAR MORE OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING PROSPECTS ON NAMIBIA THAN ON RHODESIA. HE FEARED U.S. WOULD FALL INTO SAME

OVER-OPTIMISM ON RHODESIA WHICH PLAGUED HAROLD WILSON, AND ADDED THAT WERE SMITH TO AGREE TO MAJORITY RULE SOON HE RISKED RIGHTIST COUP LED BY MILITARY AND VAN DER BYL. SCHWARZ BELIEVES VORSTER HAS FACE-SAVING DEVICE BY VIRTUE OF HAVING SAID SOUTH WEST AFRICANS ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THEIR OWN DESTINY, AND HE FORESEEN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WHICH SWAPO AND THE TURNHALLE REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS OTHERS, COULD ATTEND. HE SAID FEW ADULT BLACKS ARE PARTICPATING IN THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA; BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE INCREASINGLY DISTRUSTFUL CONFIDENTIAL

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OF NONBLACK "LIBERALS," WHICH RISKS POSSIBILITY GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE EFFORT TO IMPRISON WHITE "LIBERALS," CONFIDENT THAT THIS WILL OCCASION LITTLE FURTHER DISTURBANCES; AND THERE IS READ, BUT NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD, THREAT OF STEADY DRIFT TO SOCIALISM IN SOUTH AFRICA. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3843)

JAPANESE EJECTED FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP (WEOG) MEETING --

JUST BEFORE BEGINNING OF WEOG MEETING, CHAIRMAN INGVARSSON (ICELAND) INFORMED THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE, TERADA, HIS PRESENCE WOULD BE CHALLENGED. TERADA ELECTED TO SIT IT OUT. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WAS OPENED, SPANISH AMB DE PINIES CHALLENGED THE PRESENCE OF THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE AND, INTER ALIA. POINTED OUT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE JAPANESE TO BE PRESENT WHEN THE GROUP CONSIDERED CANDIDACIES, THAT JAPAN WAS A MEMBER OF THE AFRO-ASIAN GROUP, AND THAT BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS THE PHILIPPINES AND FINLAND WERE IN COMPETITION FOR COMMITTEE 6 CHAIRMANSHIP. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED TERADA TO WITHDRAW, AND HE DID SO. WHEN QUESTIONED BY THE UK, THE CHAIRMAN STATED HE HAD NOT INVITED THE JAPANESE TO THIS MEETING. AFTER GENERAL DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED TO CONSIDER AT A FUTURE MEETING THE QUESTION OF JAPANESE ATTENDANCE AND THAT JAPANESE FUTURE PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED IF THERE WAS APPROPRIATE SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3824)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS --

AT ITS SEPT. 20 MEETING, ASIAN GROUP ENDORSED JAPAN AND IRAN -- ONLY CANDIDATES -- FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. (USUN BELIEVES THERE WILL BE MORE ASIAN CANDIDACIES ANNOUNCED WHEN MEMBERS OF OTHER ASIAN DELEGATIONS, PRESENTLY AT G-77 MEETING IN MEXICO, RETURN TO NEW YORK.) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 3825)

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COMMITTEE OF 24 --

THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SEPT. 17 DEALING WITH THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, WITHOUT VOTE, AND WITH THE CONFIDENTIAL.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS, 17-0-5 (AUSTRALIA, FIJI, NORWAY, SIERRA LEONE AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO). ORTIZ DE ROZAS (ARGENTINA) EXPRESSED "DEEP THANKS" TO THE DELEGATIONS WHICH VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, SAID ARGENTINA WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE UN IN ITS EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE LAST VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THE UK WOULD DEMONSTRATE GOODWILL IN IMPLEMENTING THE RESOLUTION. RICHARDSON (UK) THANKED THOSE DELEGATIONS WHICH, IN ABSTAINING, HAD SHOWN THAT THE QUESTION WAS ONE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THE COMMITTEE ALSO NOTED THE REPORT OF ITS VISITING MISSION TO THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS AND AUTHORIZED THE CHAIRMAN TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN AND AMERICAN LEADERS, ORGANIZED BY THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE, IN MASERU NEXT DECEMBER. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF APPROVING A REPORT ON THE VISITING MISSION TO THE TOKELAU ISLANDS, THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS WORK FOR THE YEAR.

IN CLOSING REMARKS, CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) RECALLED HIS EARLIER WARNINGS ABOUT "OVER-OPTIMISM" TOWARDS THE PROBLEMS IN ZIMBABWE AND THE PROSPECTS FOR A FULL-SCALE AND PROLONGED RACIAL WAR WITH UNTOLD CONSEQUENCES NOT ONLY FOR THE AFRICAN PEOPLES CONCERNED, BUT ALSO FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF NEIGHBORING INDEPENDENT STATES." EIGHT MEMBERS MADE COMMENTS, INCLUDING SMID (CZECHOSLOVAKIA), ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET UNION, BULGARIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHO SAID THE PRSENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA PROVED THAT THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES HAD NOT STOPPED SUPPORTING THE RACIST REGIMES IN THEIR POLICIES OF APARTHEID.

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SWAPO PRESS RELEASE OON "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY" --

SWAPO ISSUED PRESS RELEASE SEPT. 17 WHICH ASKED IF DR.
KISSINGER'S "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY" COULD BRING UHURU TO NAMIBIA, AND
STATED THAT KISSINGER'S SINCERITY TO SECURE GENUINE INDEPENDENCE
FOR NAMIBIA, AS THEY DEFINED IT, WOULD DEPEND ON HIS ABILITY TO
BRING VORSTER TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE TO MEET SWAPO FOR
INDEPENDENCE TALKS. IF HE FAILED ON THAT SCORE, THE US MUST
TRANSLATE HER "COMMITMENT" TO MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE IN

NAMIBIA BY GIVING MILITARY AID TO SWAPO. IN ANY EVENT, THE WAR IS ALREADY ON, SWAPO'S LOGISTICAL AND STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES HAVE BEEN ENHANCED TREMENDOUSLY AND SWAPO HAS MODERN, SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, AND, IF NEED BE, CAN GET MORE FROM THEIR FRIENDS. (USUN 3839)

LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE --

THE LOS CONFERENCE CONCLUDED ITS FIFTH SESSION SEPT. 17. AFTER AGREEING IT SHOULD MEET AGAIN IN NEWYORK FOR SEVEN OR EIGHT WEEKS BEGINNING MAY 23, 1977 TO CONTINUE WORK ON A LOS CONVENTION. PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA) REPEATED AN APPEAL HE HAD MADE AT AN EARLIER SESSION AGAINST UNILATERAL ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS "WHICH WOULD SHATTER ALL HOPE OF REACHING GENERAL AGREEMENT." HE PUT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE A SET OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORK AT THE NEXT SESSION, WHICH, HE SAID, HAD EMERGED FROM DISCUSSIONS IN THE GERNERAL COMMITTEE. THE CREDENTIALS OF THE 148 COUNTRIES TAKING PART IN THE SESSION WERE APPROVED, AND BY ACCLAMATION THE CONFERENCE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY BOLIVIA PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE AMPHICTYONIC CONGRESS OF PANAMA. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM STRESSED THE URGENCY OF CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS AMONG GOVERNMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT SESSION. IF AGREEMENT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING SOON, HE SAID, "THE GOAL OF ESTABLISHING AN ORDERLY REGIME FOR THE OCEANS AND MAKING THE CONCEPT OF THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND A LIVING REALITY MAY VERY WELL BE PUT BEYOND OUR REACH."

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS --

THE FIRST MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS WAS HELD SEPT. 20, ATTENDED BY ALL 38 SETATES PARTIES. OF 25 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE 18 SEATS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, NOMINEES OF THE FOLLOWING 16 STATES WERE ELECTED ON THE FIRST BALLOT: ROMANIA, IRAN, TUNISIA, USSR, RWANDA, SYRIA, ECUADOR, CYPRUS, NORWAY, FRG, COLOMBIA, BULGARIA, UK, DENMARK, GDR AND CANADA. NOMINEES OF COSTA RICA AND MAURITIUS WON ON THE SECOND BALLOT, AND CANDIDATES OF URUGUAY, BARBADOS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAQ AND MONGOLIA FAILED TO BE ELECTED. TERM OF OFFICE FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BEGIN JAN. 1, 1977, AND THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL 1977. AT THE OUTSET, THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY: CHAIRMAN -- YANKOV (BULGARIA); VICE CHAIRMEN -- RYDBECK (SWEDEN), KANTE (MALI), MAIR (JAMAICA) AND GAMMOH (JORDAN). (USUN 3837)

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